

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
MARTIN MÜller, et al.  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/10968  
FILED: **October 2, 2003**  
FOR: METHOD OF COLOURING CARRIER  
MATERIALS  
U.S. APPLICATION NO: **not yet assigned**  
35 USC 371 DATE:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.